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//(D. SIDOROV REPORT: "UFO MAGAZINE HOPES MILITARY WON'T GAG THEIR EXCLUSIVES"))

((TEXT)) A MONTH BEFORE ITS PLANNED LAUNCH, A NEWS BULLETIN, UFO AND ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA, HAS YET TO BE SANCTIONED BY MOSCOW'S STATE NEWSPAPER AGENCY, SOYUZPECHAT. "THEY THINK THAT THE BULLETIN WON'T SELL AND THAT THE NEWSSTANDS ARE FLOODED WITH SUCH INFORMATION," SAYS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SERGEY RYBAKOV.

HOWEVER, THE BULLETIN WILL BE CARRYING EXCLUSIVE ARTICLES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO ATTRACT A HEALTHY READERSHIP. THE FIRST ISSUE WILL FEATURE AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "WHAT THE COSMONAUTS SAW", WITH A TRANSCRIPT OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO SOVIET COSMONAUTS ABOARD SEPARATE SPACE STATIONS, DESCRIBING WHAT THEY SAW IN OUTER SPACE DURING THEIR FLIGHTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A STORY ABOUT THE THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE, INCLUDING AN INTERVIEW WITH A SOVIET RADIO OPERATOR WHO WORKED ON A SHIP IN THE AREA.

THE BULLETIN IS INTENDED AS A SERIOUS VENTURE, AND ALL THE INFORMATION IN IT WILL BE VERIFIED BEFORE PUBLICATION. THIS WILL INVOLVE CHECKING ON EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF UFO'S THROUGH CROSS-EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES.

THREE OF THE TEN-STRONG EDITORIAL STAFF WILL COMPILE UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS ITEMS AND WILL VISIT AREAS WHERE UFO SIGHTING HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

"WE HAVE ENOUGH PAPER FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS," SAYS RYBAKOV. "AFTER THAT, WE'LL START HUNTING FOR MORE." NO PREMISES HAVE YET BEEN FOUND FOR THE EDITORIAL OFFICE.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE OBSTACLE FACING THE BULLETIN IS THE MILITARY, WHO MIGHT USE THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS AS A METHOD OF OBTAINING NEW INFORMATION ABOUT UFOS, AND PROHIBIT THEIR OPEN PUBLICATION AND SALE.

RYBAKOV - WHO HAS NEVER HIMSELF SEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - STUDIED AT THE MOSCOW AVIATION INSTITUTE WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF A GROUP HEADED BY FELIX ZIGEL, WHO FOUNDED UFO STUDIES IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE THEN WENT TO WORK AT ONE OF MOSCOW'S CLOSED AVIATION DESIGN BUREAUS.

BUT UFOS REMAINED A CONSUMING INTEREST AND HE DID NOT HESITATE TO LEAVE HIS JOB WHEN THE INTERPRINT JOINT VENTURE SUGGESTED THAT HE ESTABLISH A BULLETIN. FROM THE BEGINNING, THE PLAN HAS BEEN TO USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BULLETIN TO SET UP A RESEARCH CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF UFOS.

HOWEVER, INTEPRINT WERE NOT PREPARED TO INVEST THE NECESSARY 100,000 ROUBLES REQUIRED TO START THE PROJECT, LEAVING RYBAKOV AS BOTH OWNER AND EDITOR. "IF THE PUBLICATION GOES BANKRUPT, I'LL TRY

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TO FIND SOME OTHER WELL-PAID JOB," HE SAYS.

HOWEVER, HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE BULLETIN WILL SELL. ITS NEAREST RIVAL, THE BALTIC NEWSPAPER EMSKIY TRIANGLE, COSTS THREE ROUBLES, WHEREAS UFO AND ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA WILL COST ABOUT 50 KOPEKS.

IF SOYUZPECHAT CONTINUE REFUSING TO DISTRIBUTE THE BULLETIN, THEN THE JOB WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

"IF THINGS GO WELL, WE WANT TO ENTER THE WORLD MARKET, HE SAYS. "OUR PUBLICATION WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO SEVERAL LANGUAGES."

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